



THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

January 1, 2019

Maryland Board of Public Works:

We urge you to deny TransCanada's proposal to build a gas pipeline through Maryland. We believe this project would reverse course on our state's efforts to protect the health of our residents and combat climate change.

We understand that TransCanada is seeking an easement from the Board of Public Works to construct a 3.37 mile, 8" distribution line for fracked gas from Pennsylvania to be transported to West Virginia. Given that Maryland has banned fracking, it defies our state's existing energy policy to bring the same public health risks to our residents by way of a pipeline. Moreover, enabling fossil fuel production runs counter to our state's goals of increasing renewable energy production.

The construction and operation of the Potomac Pipeline would impact at least 10 wetlands and 19 streams, in addition to the Potomac River. The pipeline right-of-way includes a Potomac River crossing through the C&O Canal and the Maryland Rail Trail. In addition to violating the spirit of our renewable energy portfolio and fracking ban, the TransCanada pipeline also directly endangers public health.

We urge you to deny this request.

Sincerely,

Senator Brian Feldman
Senator Susan Lee
Senator Douglas J. J. Peters
Senator Will Smith
Senator Ron Young
Senator Bobby Zirkin
Senator-elect Jill P. Carter
Senator-elect Ben Kramer
Senator-elect Clarence Lam
Senator-elect Jeff Waldstreicher
Senator-elect Mary Washington
Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary
Delegate Kumar Barve
Delegate Ben Brooks
Delegate Al Carr
Delegate Mark Chang
Delegate Bonnie Cullison
Delegate Kathleen Dumais
Delegate Eric Ebersole
Delegate Diana Fennell
Delegate David Fraser-Hidalgo
Delegate Tawanna Gaines

Delegate Jim Gilchrist
Delegate Cheryl Glenn
Delegate Anne Healey
Delegate Shelly Hettleman
Delegate Terri Hill
Delegate Michael A. Jackson
Delegate Steve Lafferty
Delegate Robbyn Lewis
Delegate Brooke Lierman
Delegate Eric Luedtke
Delegate Maggie McIntosh
Delegate David Moon
Delegate Nick Mosby
Delegate Edith J. Patterson
Delegate Joseline Pena-Melnyk
Delegate Susie Proctor
Delegate Dana Stein
Delegate Charles Sydnor
Delegate Kris Valderrama
Delegate Alonzo Washington
Delegate Jheanelle Wilkins
Delegate Karen Lewis Young

Delegate Pat Young
Delegate-elect Gabe Acevero
Delegate-elect Heather Bagnall
Delegate-elect Regina T. Boyce
Delegate-elect Alice Cain
Delegate-elect Lorig Charkoudian
Delegate-elect Charlotte Crutchfield
Delegate-elect Jessica Feldmark
Delegate-elect Michele Guyton
Delegate-elect Julian Ivey
Delegate-elect Ken Kerr
Delegate-elect Lesley Lopez
Delegate-elect Sara Love
Delegate-elect Julie Palakovich Carr
Delegate-elect Lily Qi
Delegate-elect Mike Rogers
Delegate-elect Emily Shetty
Delegate-elect Stephanie Smith
Delegate-elect Jared Solomon
Delegate-elect Vaughn Stewart
Delegate-elect Jen Terrasa